

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITES SUMMARY SHEET

P.G. County Survey # 72. -8 Date 1809-1816
Building Name St. Matthew's Church
Location Addison Road and Sixty-Second Place, Seat Pleasant
Open to Public X yes no Restricted

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, built between 1809 and 1816, is an example of a plain style Episcopal Church whose simple rectangular plan shares the meeting-house tradition with other Protestant denominations of the time. The history of the church extends back to 1696 when a log structure was erected near the site of the present church where it was designated a Chapel of Ease for Broad Creek Church by April 1735. This log structure was replaced in 1760 by a frame chapel, following an order by the General Assembly in 1744. By 1809, the frame chapel was in "ruinous condition," as was recorded by Bishop Thomas John Claggett, the first Protestant Episcopal Bishop of Maryland, after a sermon conducted there. The present brick structure was finally completed in 1816. Many of Maryland's most prominent families are known to have worshipped here and many now lie buried in the cemetery. These include Benjamin Stoddert, the first Secretary of the United States Navy, and names such as, Pinkney, Dulany, Addison, Lowndes, and Calvert.

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INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Maryland 72-8	
COUNTY: Prince George's	
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1. NAME	
COMMON: St. Matthew's Church	
AND/OR HISTORIC: Addison Parish, Addison Chapel, Piscataway Parish, Broad Creek	

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: Addison Road and Sixty-second Place			
CITY OR TOWN: Seat Pleasant			
STATE: Maryland	CODE: 24	COUNTY: Prince George's	CODE: 033

3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNER'S NAME: Vestry of Addison Parish, Diocese of Washington, Inc.			
STREET AND NUMBER: Addison Road and Sixty-second Place			
CITY OR TOWN: Seat Pleasant	STATE: Maryland	CODE: 24	

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Prince George's County Court House			
STREET AND NUMBER: 14735 Main Street			
CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro	STATE: Maryland	CODE: 24	

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY: Maryland Register of historic sites and landmarks			
DATE OF SURVEY: 1970 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust			
STREET AND NUMBER: 94 College Avenue (Post Office Box 1704)			
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis	STATE: Maryland	CODE: 24	

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

St. Matthew's Church is located southeast of the intersection of Addison Road and Sixty-second Place, Seat Pleasant, Maryland.

This small rectangular building, approximately 28 X 40 feet (excluding recent lean-to addition on the north side), is built of brick lain in Flemish bond with occasional glazed headers on a stone foundation and a three course brick water table. The church is two bays by four bays; the south side has four windows with splayed brick lintels (flat arches), whereas two of the opposite north windows have been obscured by the new addition. The south side windows, however, have segmental brick arches as do the two entrance doors on the east side. The two windows on the west entrance behind the altar have been bricked up. All glazed windows have recent iron grates. The gable roof, running east/west has been sharply pitched. The older pitch is visible on the brick work and a decorative tie-beam has been added onto the eave. There is a circular vent over the entrance door; a similar circular vent over the west end contains stained glass.

St. Matthew's is situated in a large graveyard containing some early stones, the most notable being that of Benjamin Stoddert.

St. Matthew's is an example of a plain style Anglican Church of the early period; the simple rectangular plan sharing the meeting-house tradition with other Protestant denominations and reflective of early Church of England structures in this country. Similar church edifices are seen at St. George's, Valley Lee, St. Mary's County; and at Durham Church, near Ironsides, Charles County. This plain style was followed by churches of the very elaborate and fashionable Gothic Revival style about a century later. St. Matthew's has had its structure somewhat altered.

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2. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian☐ 16th Century☐ 18th Century☐ 20th Century☐ 15th Century☐ 17th Century☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1809-1816

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Aboriginal☐ Education☐ Political☐ Urban Planning☐ Prehistoric☐ Engineering☒ Religion/Philosophy☐ Other (Specify)☐ Historic☐ Industry☐ Science☐ Agriculture☐ Invention☐ Sculpture☒ Architecture☐ Landscape☐ Social/Humanitarian☐ Art☐ Architecture☐ Theater☐ Commerce☐ Literature☐ Transportation☐ Communications☒ Military☐ Conservation☐ Music

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The history of St. Matthew's Church encompasses Benjamin Stoddert, the first Secretary of the United States Navy who lies buried in the cemetery, and Thomas Claggett (Claget), the first Protestant Episcopal Bishop of Maryland. The names associated with the church -- Pinkney, Dulany, Addison, Lowndes and Culvert -- make up a roster of Maryland's most important families. An eighteenth-century rector, Walter Dulany Addison, was humane and ahead of the times when he freed his slaves gradually in order to absorb them into the community without distressing his neighbors.

In 1812 St. Matthew's Church, then called Addison Chapel, served as temporary headquarters for the British Army during the advance on Bladensburg, Maryland. William Pinkney's (1810-1833) innovative programs for Maryland slaves and emancipation, and inter-church cooperation, made him famous throughout the state.

The grave yard of St. Matthew's Church is the final resting place of Benjamin Stoddert, (1751-1813) the first Secretary of the United States Navy. Stoddert, born in Charles County, Maryland, was the only son of James Stoddert, the grandson of James Stoddert, the latter a Scottish immigrant (1650) who was an associate of Colonel John Addison, the donor of the land on which St. Matthew's was built. Benjamin Stoddert (1751-1813), who had been brought up to be a merchant, turned from this pursuit in 1777 and joined a Continental Regiment of Cavalry.

Major Benjamin Stoddert's distinguished service terminated after he was wounded at Brandywine. In 1783 he and his family set up a residence in Georgetown, D. C., where he returned to mercantile pursuits. Stoddert married Rebecca Lowndes, of Prince George's County, whose family had a long association with St. Matthew's Church.

On May 21, 1798, President John Adams appointed Benjamin Stoddert the first Secretary of the Navy. The next year Stoddert served as one of the pallbearers for George Washington whose funeral services were conducted by the Reverend Walter

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Recorders: Michael Bourne, Field Surveyor, Maryland Historical Trust, June 1968.

William Morgan, Field Surveyor, Maryland Historical Trust, June 1969.

Nancy Miller, Historian, Maryland Historical Trust, November 1969.

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE			
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	38° 53' 59"	76° 54' 41"			
NE	38° 53' 59"	76° 54' 31"			
SE	38° 53' 51"	76° 54' 31"			
SW	38° 53' 51"	76° 54' 41"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 16 acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Mrs. Preston Parish, Keeper of the Maryland Register	
ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historical Trust	DATE: March 18, 1971
STREET AND NUMBER: 94 College Avenue (Post Office Box 1704)	
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis	STATE: Maryland
	CODE: 24

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☒ State ☐ Local ☐

Name

Oxlando Ridout IV

State Liaison Officer
for Maryland

Title

Date March 27 1971

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date

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St. Matthew's Church

#8. SIGNIFICANCE continued.

Dulany Addison, a rector for St. Matthew's.

June 1, 1800, President Adams appointed Benjamin Stoddert Secretary of War, a position he held until March 1801, as well as serving as Secretary of the Navy.

The next year Rebecca Lowndes Stoddert died and was buried in St. Matthew's Church graveyard (then Addison Chapel). A decade later the body of Benjamin Stoddert was interred in the chapel graveyard. The grave is marked with the plaque of the Daughters of the American Revolution which reads "In memory of the first Secretary of the Navy by the Army and Navy Chapter, DAR."

The history of St. Matthew's (also called Addison Chapel) began in 1696 when local residents through private subscriptions erected a log church on land near the site of the present (1969) church. Beginning in 1744, it served as a chapel of ease for Broad Creek Church. The church was founded in 1692 upstream and east of the Potomac River from Mount Vernon at Oxon Hill. George Washington worshiped there. The land on which the log chapel was erected was donated by Colonel John Addison of Oxon Hill who immigrated to America from England in 1667. Addison's name was used for the first name of the church as well as the present name of the parish. Colonel Addison was on the Council of Maryland (1692-1693); was the Chancellor and Keeper of the Great Seal (1696-1699); a Colonel in the Charles County Militia (commissioned August 17, 1694) and in the Prince George's County Militia (commissioned August 17, 1695); as well as being the uncle of Joseph Addison of the seventeenth-century English newspaper, The Spectator.

The close association of the Addison family with St. Matthew's continued when Henry Addison (1717-1789), a descendant of Colonel John Addison, became the rector of Broad Creek Church as well as St. Matthew's Church (Addison Chapel) chapel of ease. In 1760 Henry Addison had the log structure torn down and a frame church erected in its place. Addison, a graduate of Queen's College, Oxford, and a Loyalist during the American Revolution, remained rector of both churches from 1751 to 1789.

The next Addison to be closely associated with the chapel was Walter Dulaney Addison (1769-1848), the great-great-great-grandson of Colonel John Addison. Walter Addison's mother was

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#8. SIGNIFICANCE continued

Rebecca Dulaney, daughter of Walter Dulaney of Annapolis. Born in Annapolis and educated in England, Walter Addison gave his extensive land holdings to his family when he became a priest. Walter Addison was ordained in 1793 by Bishop Thomas Claggett. He freed his slaves in a gradual manner so as not to adversely affect other slave owners. In 1799, two years before beginning his ministry at St. Matthew's, he officiated at the funeral of George Washington. Under the Reverend Addison's guidance the 1760 frame church, erected by Henry Addison, was replaced with a brick structure completed in 1816. As early as 1809 the inadequacies of the frame church were evident and construction of a new building was instigated. Bishop Thomas John Claggett (1743-1816), the first Protestant Episcopal Bishop of Maryland and the first Protestant Episcopal Bishop to be ordained in the United States, visited the chapel on August 13, 1809, and found it in 'ruinous condition'. Bishop Claggett recorded this in his Notitiae May 24, 1809, to June 13, 1810, Appendix to Maryland Diocesan Journal of 1810. The Bishop also wrote in his Notitiae that he had 'preached to a large congregation, and extorted the people to carry into effect the good design which they had long contemplated of building a new church; this design hath since been put into operation, and is progressing; the walls of a new brick building have been erected, and a roof has been placed over them.'

Another prominent Episcopal priest associated with St. Matthew's was William Pinkney (1810-1883), the fifth Bishop of Maryland (1879). A convert from Methodism, and a graduate of St. John's College, Annapolis, and of Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey, Pinkney was ordained in 1835. The next year he came to St. Matthew's Parish (the eighteenth-century name of the parish) which, in 1836, embraced St. Matthew's Church, formerly Addison Chapel, and St. Mark's, the latter four miles north of Bladensburg. While in Prince George's County, Pinkney had St. Matthew's Church repaired and supervised the construction of three additional chapels within his parish. He also founded 'Association' services with nearby Episcopal churches which marked a beginning of inter-church cooperation. In 1855 Pinkney, admired throughout the county, was asked to work out a program for missionary work to Maryland slaves. Pinkney declined the offer and the project died.

The records of St. Matthew's, Seat Pleasant, although erratic, indicate that the church enticed the prominent people of Prince George's County to attend. The association of the

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#8. SIGNIFICANCE continued

Addison family helped. Names such as Lowndes and Calvert can be found among the communicants as well as that of Christopher Clark Hyatt, founder of Hyattsville, Maryland, and 'Joshua - a colored man.'

In 1969 the Maryland Historical Trust received a request to become custodian of a trust fund, for which the Trust accepted responsibility, from the Vestry of Addison Parish for the perpetual care of the interior and exterior of the St. Matthew's Church and the cemetery. In 1970 the Vestry gave the Trust an historic easement on the church and five acres of adjacent land for the perpetual preservation of the historical and architectural character of the structure and of its immediate environment.


#9. REFERENCES continued

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Committee on the History of the Diocese [of Washington, D. C.]. Historical Sketches of the Parishes and Missions in the Diocese of Washington. Washington, D. C.: Diocese of Washington, 1928.

Hotchkiss, Betty and Neil Hotchkiss. "St. Matthew's Parish, Prince George's County, Maryland, 1811-1916." pamphlet, Maryland Historical Society, Baltimore, Maryland. [1961]

1. STATE Md. COUNTY Prince G's. TOWN VICINITY #25 STREET NO. Seat Pleasant, Addison rd., 1/4 mile n.w. of Md. 704 ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE PRESENT OWNER PRESENT USE WALL CONSTRUCTION brick NO. OF STORIES 1 1/2		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY	
2. NAME Addison's Chapel DATE OR PERIOD STYLE ARCHITECT BUILDER		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC			
<p>Associated with Rev. Walter D. Addison.</p> <p>Now called St. Matthews Church Matthews</p> <p>Flemish bond</p> <p>Stone foundation</p> <p>Topped by one row each stretchers and headers.</p> <p>Cemetery of 19th cent vintage (one headstone dated 1826)</p> <p>Portions of west wall replaced, two windows and door(?) filled in.</p> <p>Roof changed, asphalt shingle.</p> <p>No danger, well-kept.</p> <p>Inquiries may be made through Herndon B. Rudasil Rudasill, 6903 Davis Street, Maryland Park, Md. phone Re.6-7</p> <p><i>Burial ground of Benjamin Stoddart-</i></p>			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior			
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional) 		7. PHOTOGRAPH	
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC. Bowie, 41		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER DATE OF RECORD	

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND ...OTC-APHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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NOMINATION FORM

for the

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME					
COMMON:					
St. Matthews Episcopal Church					
AND/OR HISTORIC:					
Addison Chapel					
2. LOCATION					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
Addison Road and 62nd Place					
CITY OR TOWN:					
Seat Pleasant					
STATE:			COUNTY:		
Maryland			Prince George's		
3. CLASSIFICATION					
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	
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PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
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		<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____	
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY					
OWNER'S NAME:					
Vestry of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
6918 B Street					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		
Seat Pleasant			Maryland		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:					
Prince George's County Courthouse					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		
Upper Marlboro			Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):					
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS					
TITLE OF SURVEY:					
Historic Sites in the Bi-County Region					
DATE OF SURVEY: 1969 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:					
M-NCPPC					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
8787 Georgia Avenue					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		
Silver Spring			Maryland		

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE						
<p>The building is a small, brick structure laid up in Flemish bond. The main (east) facade is gabled, with two doorways. They both have segmented relieving arches with wide wooden architraves around the doorways, which have narrow transom lights above panelled doors. In the gable, which was raised when the roof was given a steeper pitch, is a circular window. The gable is now decorated with stick-style motifs.</p> <p>The side walls are both four bays. The south wall has 12/12 double hung sash windows under flat relieving arches one header and one stretcher tall. The north wall also has 12/12 double hung sash windows but the relieving arches are segmental with brick infilling to the square window heads. All of the architraves have a heavy roll moulding. The two west bays of the north wall have been covered by the addition of a small room.</p> <p>The north gable end had two windows which have been filled in with brick. There is a circular gable window and stick style gable motifs.</p> <p>The eaves have a flat fascia covering the ends of the exposed rafters. A narrow wooden raking frieze extends up the sides of the gables.</p>						

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8. SIGNIFICANCE**PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> losophy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> itarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In 1731, William Scott gave the vestry of King George's Parish (Piscataway) a gift of one acre of land for use as a chapel. In 1744, the General Assembly empowered the justices to collect 200 Pounds to erect a chapel on the land, and George Scott was contracted to do the work. The building was variously known as "Upper Chapel," "Eastern Branch Chapel," or "Addison's Chapel."

The cemetery includes the graves of several notable families, including the Loundes and Stodderts. Both Christopher Loundes and Benjamin Stoddert, his son-in-law and the first Secretary of the Navy, are buried here.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Christopher Owens, Park Historian	
ORGANIZATION M-NCPPC	DATE 10 Oct 74
STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue	
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring	STATE Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature _____

Form 10-300
(Dec. 1968)UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
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STATE:	
COUNTY:	
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1. NAME	
COMMON: St. Matthew's Church	
AND/OR HISTORIC: Addison Parish	

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: Addison Road & 62nd Place			
CITY OR TOWN: Seat Pleasant			
STATE Maryland	CODE	COUNTY: Prince George's	CODE

3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition:	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes:
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Bath <input type="checkbox"/>	Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNERS NAME: St. Matthew's Vestry, Addison Parish (Diocese of Washington)			
STREET AND NUMBER: Addison Road & 62nd Place			
CITY OR TOWN: Seat Pleasant	STATE: Maryland	CODE	

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE	
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: c5 w/cemetery			

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY: MHT-EABS Inventory (M. Bourne)			
DATE OF SURVEY: June 13, 1968 Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/>			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust			
STREET AND NUMBER: Box 1704			
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis, Maryland	STATE:	CODE	

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>			Moved <input type="checkbox"/> Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

A small rectangular building, approximately 28 x 40 feet (excluding recent lean to addition on the north side), built of brick laid in Flemish bond with occasional glazed headers on a stone foundation and a three course brick water table. The church is two bays by four bays; the south side has four windows with splayed brick lintels (flat arches), whereas two of the opposite north side windows have been obscured by the new addition. The north side windows, however, have segmental brick arches as do the two entrance doors on the east side. The two windows on the west side (behind the altar) have been bricked up. All glazed windows have recent iron grates. The gable roof (running east to west) has been sharply heightened (the old roof pitch is visible in the brick work) and a decorative tie beam has been added on the east eave end. There is a circular vent over the entrance doors and a similar round window filled with stained glass is over the west end.

The church is set within a wooden cemetery of approximately 4-5 acres.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian ☐16th Century ☐18th Century ☒20th Century ☐15th Century ☐17th Century ☐19th Century ☐

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1746

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal ☐Education ☐Political ☐Urban Planning ☐Prehistoric ☐Engineering ☐

Religion/Phi-

Other (Specify) ☐Historic ☐Industry ☐losophy ☒

Architecture

Agriculture ☐Invention ☐Science ☐Art ☐Landscape ☐Sculpture ☐Commerce ☐Architecture ☐

Social/Human-

Communications ☐Literature ☐itarion ☐Conservation ☐Military ☒Theater ☐Music ☐Transportation ☐

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

St. Matthew's is an example of a simple Anglican church of the Colonial period — the simple rectangular plan sharing the meeting house tradition with other Protestant denominations and reflective of early Church of England settlers in this country (e.g. St. George's, Valley Lee, St. Mary's County and Durham Church, near Ironsides, Charles County) as opposed to the archeological and very English churches of the Gothic Revival a century later. Only somewhat altered, St. Matthew's is situated in a large graveyard containing some early stones, notably that of Benjamin Stoddert, (died 1813 or 1815), First Secretary of the Navy (D.A.R. plaque).

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE				
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: William Morgan	
ORGANIZATION University of Delaware	DATE June 4, 1969
STREET AND NUMBER: Department of Art History	
CITY OR TOWN: Newark	STATE Delaware
	CODE

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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Form 10-445
(5/62)

1. STATE Maryland COUNTY Prince Georges TOWN Seat Pleasant VICINITY STREET NO Addison Road & 62nd Place		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY	
ORIGINAL OWNER Addison Parish ORIGINAL USE church PRESENT OWNER St. Matthews Vestry, PRESENT USE church Addison Parish, WALL CONSTRUCTION Brick NO. OF STORIES 1		2. NAME St. Mathews Church DATE OR PERIOD 1746 STYLE Colonial ARCHITECT BUILDER	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
<p>St. Mathews Church is a brick building two bays wide and four bays deep, laid in Flemish bond upon a stone foundation with galleting. The pitch of the "A" roof has been increased in height since the chapel was constructed, leaving the ends of the rafters exposed. On the east gable are two doors having stone sills and transoms. Segmental arches are above the doors and windows on the north and east sides. A circular vent is in the gable above the two doors of the east side and the overhanging eave has a decorative exposed tie-beam. Flat arches support the window opening on the south and west sides of the chapel which have twelve over twelve sash covered with iron bars, of recent vintage. There is a stepped water table on each side of the building. The original windows have been bricked up on the west gable. A brick lean to laid in common bond has been attached in the northwest corner of the building, covering two windows on the north side.</p>		OPEN TO PUBLIC yes	
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE		Endangered no Interior Exterior good	
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)		7. PHOTOGRAPH	
3. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER Michael Bourne Maryland Historical Trust DATE OF RECORD June 13, 1968	

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

HISTORY OF ST. MATTHEW'S CH. RCH., ADDISON PARISH, SEAT PLEASANT, MD.

1696 Land given by Col. John Addison

1696 Log structure, then within Piscataway Parish, Charles County, erected by the private subscription of local residents for their own convenience. (page 119, W. P. A. Inventory of the Diocese of Washington, Vol. 1, 1940)

1724/ Original structure repaired (Dr. Ethan Allan, sometime Historiographer of the Diocese of Maryland and Rector of St. Matthew's in 1819)

1726 and annually repaired at Station for the year - Piscataway

1744 "Chapel of Ease" to King George's Parish (p. 243 W.P.A. Inv. D. of W.)

1744 mentioned in Acts of the Assembly of Md. (p. 244 W.P.A. Inv. D. of W.)
May-June

1746 Brick structure under Rectorship of Henry Addison, Mrs. Henry Addison being the chief contributor and the parish taking its name as a tribute to her. (Rt. Rev. Thomas John Claggett, First Bishop of Maryland and first bishop consecrated in America, 1792. See Bp. Claggett's "Notitiae" Journal 1810, page 12)

1760 Canon R. J. Ripley mentions "erection of a frame Building" and is apparently quoted by W.P.A. Inv. of D. of W. on pg. 244, but his authority cannot be found and neither Bp. Claggett nor Dr. Allen mention it.

1768 Rev. C. V. & Co.

1809 Present brick structure. Bp. Claggetts Journal 1810, page 12

1811 SAINT MATTHEW'S PARISH DIVIDED FROM KING GEORGE'S PARISH

1815 "First Minister of its own", the Rev. Walter Dulaney Addison, first candidate for the Priesthood ordained by Bp. Claggett on May 26, 1793

1833 Present building consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Wm. Murray Stone, 3rd Bp. Md. (Journal 1833, page 11) "On Wednesday, May 8, I consecrated the Church commonly called Addison Chapel to the Service of Almighty God by the name of Saint Matthew's Church."

1811- "The present St. Matthew's Church was the first parish church of
1890 St. Matthew's Parish, created in 1811, and so remained, at least technically, until about 1890, when it was placed under the jurisdiction of Epiphany Parish, Prince George's County." W.P.A. Inv. D. of W. page 245

1890- "Addison Chapel" under the jurisdiction of Epiphany Parish, Forestville, Md.
1902

1902- "Addison Chapel" under the jurisdiction of the Bishop of Washington,
1919 The Rt. Rev. Henry Yates Satterlee 1902-1908 First Bp. of W. 1896-1908
The Rt. Rev. Alfred Harding 1909-1919 Second 1909-1923

1919 May 5, SAINT MATTHEW'S CHURCH, ADDISON PARISH CREATED BY DIOCESAN CONVENTION


1927 Major-General Lejeune, Commandant of U.S.MC
inspired attempt to restore ancient building.

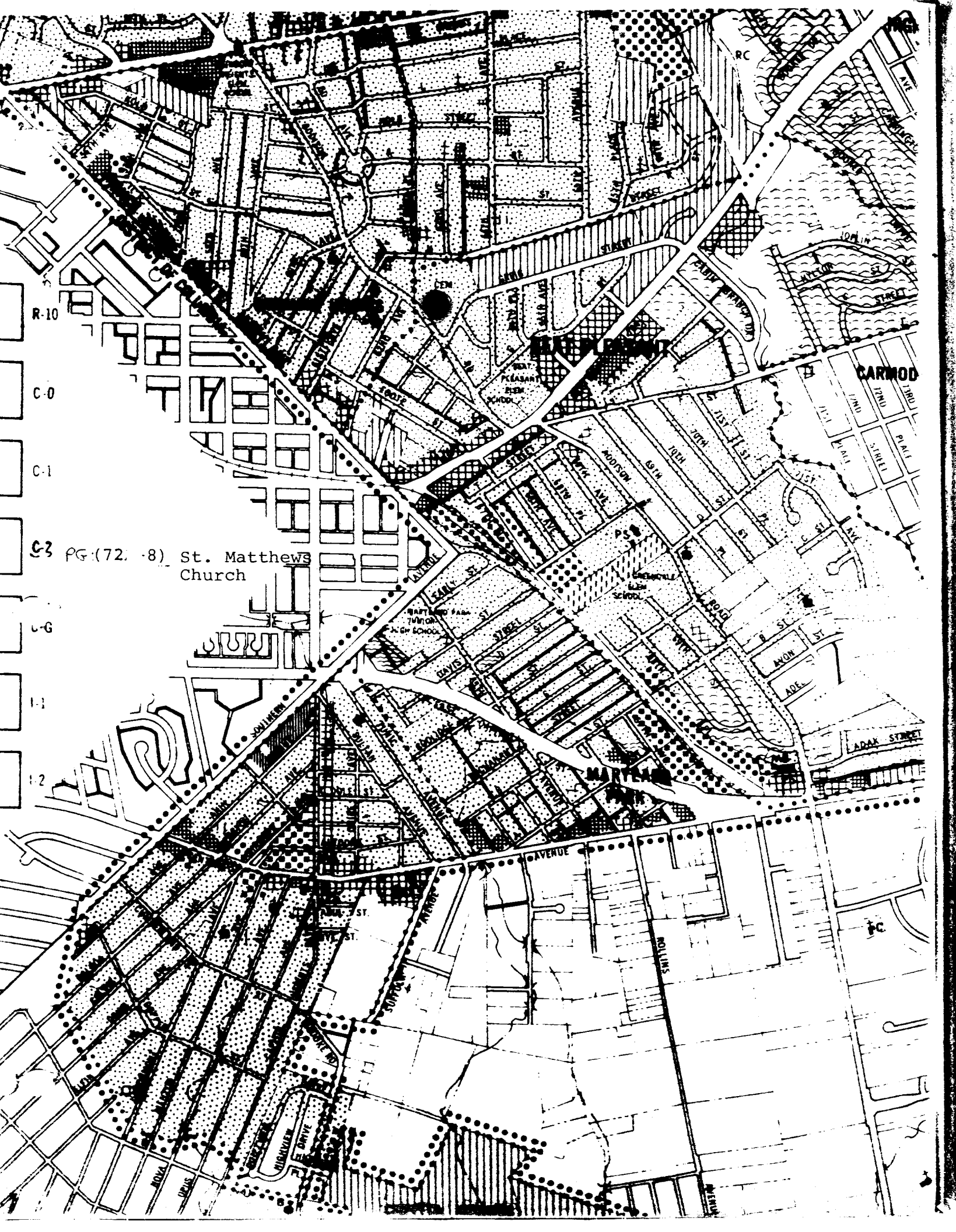
(Note: There is a dispute over the age of the present building. The WPA, Inv. of D.W. wrote ~~there~~ *THEIR* account from Father Ripley's history (attached).

Bp. Claggett's "Notitiae" Journa 1810, said the frame structure was replaced by a brick church in 1746.

1836 Dr. Pinkney referred to the church as a "substantial brick building".

If the building had been rebuilt in 1809 with its foot wide walls, would have been classifed as a solid brick and probably in excellent sound condition.)

1. STATE <u>Maryland</u> COUNTY <u>Prince George's</u> TOWN <u>Seat Pleasant</u> CITY STREET NO. <u>Addison Rd & 62nd Place</u> ORIGINAL OWNER <u>John Addison</u> ORIGINAL USE <u>Church</u> PRESENT OWNER <u>St. Matthew's Church</u> PRESENT USE <u>Church</u> WALL CONSTRUCTION <u>Brick, Flemish Bond</u> NO. OF STORIES <u>one</u>		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY 2. NAME <u>St. Matthew's Church,</u> <u>Addison Parish</u> DATE OR PERIOD <u>1746</u> STYLE <u>Georgian</u> ARCHITECT <u>Unknown</u> BUILDER <u>Unknown</u> 3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC 1694 Land grant by Col. John Addison, Uncle of English Essayist, Joseph Addison 1696 One of the original 30 parishes Log structure erected by private subscription 1742 Designated as King George's Parish under Henry Addison as Rector. 1744 Created "Chapel of Ease" or burial chapel to King George's Parish. 1746 Log structure replace by a brick church (See Bp. Claggett's "Notitia" Journal 1810, page 12. 1809 Renovated 1812 Turned into temporary headquarters by British during capture of Bladensburg. 1813 Burial of Benjamin Stoddert, First Secretary of Navy. 1902 Church building tragically distorted. Square pews removed. Old barrel roof raised, recessed sanctuary removed.			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior 1968 Brick No good good (We would like to restore the building back to the 1746 construction.)			
 6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional) attached		7. PHOTOGRAPH attached	
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC. Bp. Claggett's Journal Inv. of D. W. History of Md., Dr. Ethan Allen		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER Doris F. Hoover, Vestry member 320 Mass. Ave., N.E. Washington, D. C. DATE OF RECORD 3/20/68	



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Account Identifier: District - 18 Account Number - 2110385

Owner Information

Owner Name: PRINCE GEORGES CO HSTRCL& CLTRL TR
Use: EXEMPT
Principal Residence: NO
Mailing Address: PO BOX 85
 UPPER MARLBORO MD 20773-0085
Deed Reference: 1) / 8093/ 778
 2)

Location & Structure Information

Premises Address
 5610 ADDISON RD
 CAPITOL HEIGHTS 20743

Zoning
 R55

Legal Description
 ADDISON CHAPEL
 CHURCH & CEMETERY

Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Group	Plat No:
66	A2	19						82	Plat Ref:
Special Tax Areas			Town	SEAT PLEASANT					
			Ad Valorem						
			Tax Class	08					
Primary Structure Built			Enclosed Area		Property Land Area			County Use	
0000					5.46 AC			902	
Stories			Basement		Type			Exterior	

Value Information

	Base Value	Value As Of	Phase-in Assessments	
		01/01/2003	As Of	As Of
			07/01/2003	07/01/2004
Land:	119,070	119,070		
Improvements:	104,290	115,960		
Total:	223,360	235,030	227,250	231,140
Preferential Land:	0	0	0	0

Transfer Information

Seller: VESTRY ADDISON PAR
Type: UNKNOWN
Date: 10/18/1991
Deed1: / 8093/ 778
Price: \$0
Deed2:
Seller:
Type: UNKNOWN
Date: 02/01/1973
Deed1: / 4181/ 418
Price: \$0
Deed2:
Seller:
Type:
Date:
Deed1:
Price:
Deed2:

Exemption Information

Partial Exempt Assessments	Class	07/01/2003	07/01/2004
County	000	0	0
State	000	0	0
Municipal	000	0	0

Tax Exempt: COUNTY AND STATE
Exempt Class: CHURCHES, SYNAGOGUES, & PARSONAGES

Special Tax Recapture:

* NONE *

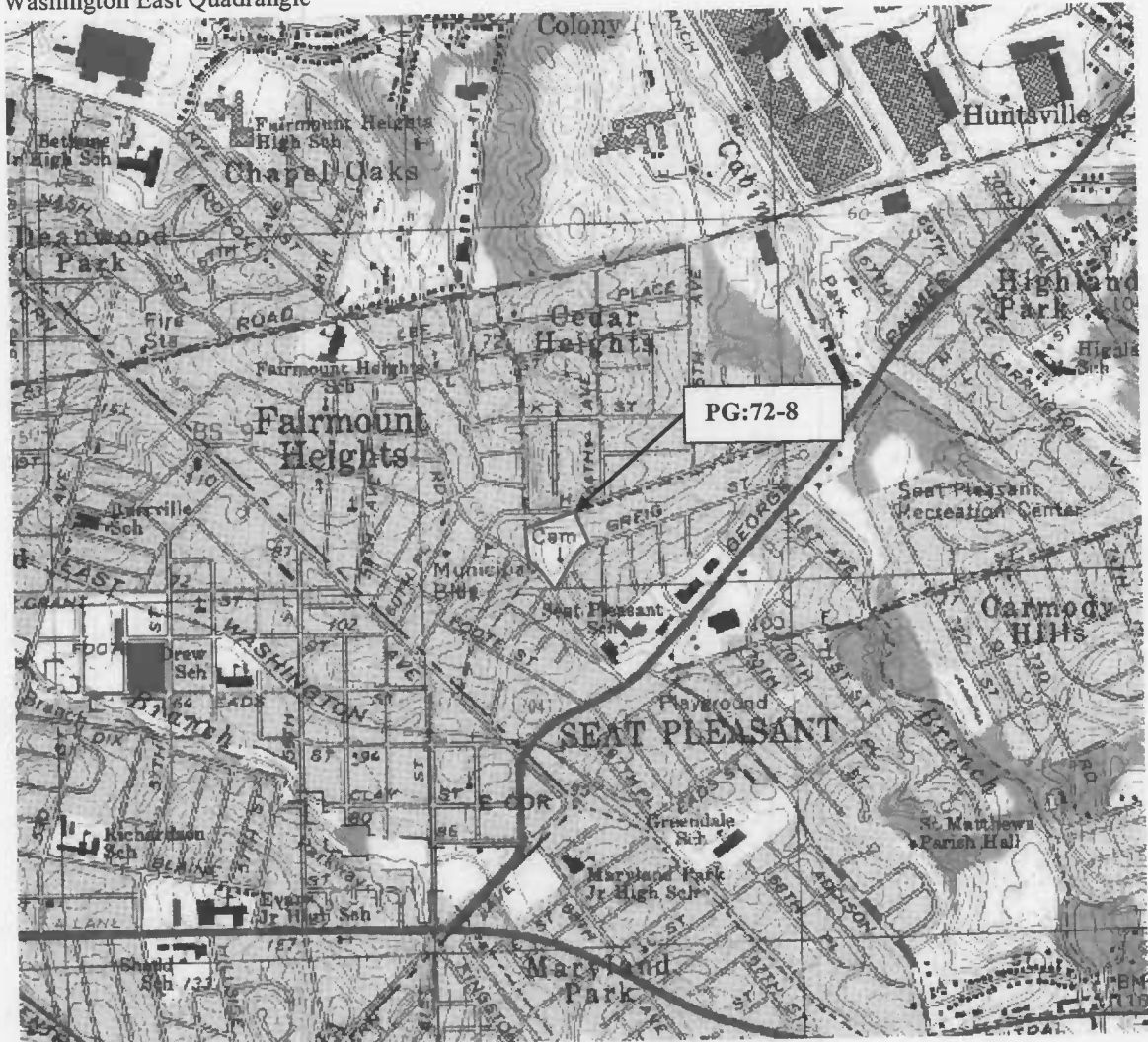
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St. Matthew's Church

(St. Matthew's Episcopal Chapel, Addison Chapel)

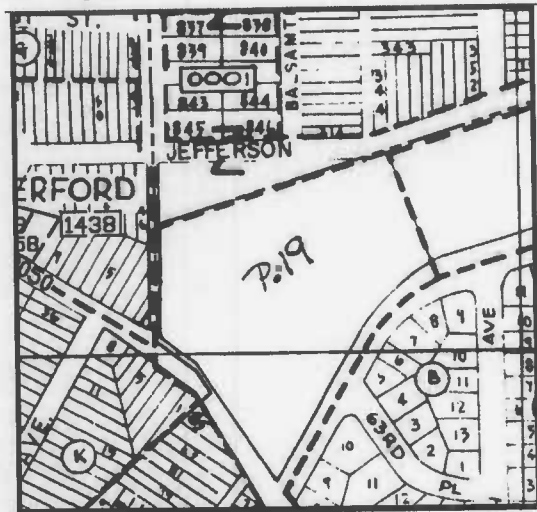
5610 Addison Road, Capitol Heights

Washington East Quadrangle



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OR ST MATTHEW'S

LATE 18TH C. NOTED FOR GRAVE OF BENJAMIN
STODDERT, FIRST SEC. OF THE NAVY.

LAND GIVEN BY JOHN ADDISON IS 1696. HE WAS A
NEPHEW OF ENGLISH ESSAYIST, JOSEPH ADDISON



ST MATTHEWS CHURCH,

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5610 Allison Road, Capitol Heights

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NAME ADDISON CHAPEL / ST. MATTHEWS

LOCATION ADDISON RD SEAT PLEASANT, MD

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